

Declaration of Trust and the Conditions Governing the Louise “Sam” Fleetwood Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Woman of the Year Award

IN MEMORIUM

This award is dedicated to the memory of Louise “Sam” Fleetwood, by her loving husband Bill Fleetwood, on December 8, 2012. Sam joined MPYC at the age of twenty, and was a forty-year member at the time of her death. She became a successful racing skipper, sailing her Laser, then her Mercury, and finally her Shields “October” to many victories. She founded the annual Crew’s Revenge Regatta, served on race committee, and was a two-time recipient of MPYC’s Dubious Achievement Award. Sam and Bill left Monterey in 1997 to cruise the world on their Gulfstar 40 the Blue Banana. While Sam was out making friends with the world, she never forgot her friends and MPYC, which she considered her home. She sent wonderful tales of the “Adventures of the Blue Banana,” which were published in the Club’s newsletter. And, when she and Bill were home, they packed the Clubhouse with her delightful presentations. During the last ten years of her cruising life, she battled breast cancer, which she eventually succumbed to in March 2012. She was a lifelong advocate of a woman’s ability and right to be equal to men, in any endeavor.

The trophy for this award is a Crystal Sail mounted on a platform of walnut with gold plates for engraving the names of the recipients. The trophy will reside in perpetuity in the trophy case in the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club House. It shall be held under the following conditions and regulations:

1. It shall never, under any circumstances, become the property of any individual.
2. This trophy will be presented annually to the MPYC woman who best exemplifies Sam’s legacy and, as such, will be someone who has a passion for sailboat racing and/or cruising; is dedicated to MPYC sailing and Club activities; conveys a positive image to the community, and; who can serve as a role model for young women who want to pursue sailing as a sport.
3. To determine the recipient, the Commodore shall solicit a nomination from the Race and Cruising Chair persons and any other Club members the Commodore deems essential to determining a nominee. At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, the Commodore shall present the name of the nominee to the Board and request other nominations. The names of all women so nominated, will then be placed before the Board for a vote, and the woman with the most votes will be the recipient.
4. The trophy will be presented to the recipient, by the Commodore, at the annual Commodore’s Ball.